Britain sanctioned the manufacture of the fifth and sixth generating sets each of 7,500 K. W. and along with that a pipe-line to supply water to these machines. This sanction was received only after the budget was sanctioned by the Legislature, and hence the need for a supplementary grant. Out of this Rs. 20,00,000 Rs. 11 lakhs is for the purchase of the fourth pipe-line. The value of the machine has already been provided for in the Electrical portion of the budget.

This House is aware that a dispute was going on between this Government and the Government of Madras over the use of Periyar waters. It was recently decided in our favour. After the decision the Government of Madras and the Government of Travancore have constituted a joint investigation for the purpose of exploring the possibilities of hydro-electric development at Periyar. The report of this committee has got to be submitted in about six months' time and an amount of Rs. 3 lakhs is required for the investigation. Unless we carry out this investigation in detail and get all the facts and figures, the Government of Madras is likely to be in an advantageous position when the question is discussed. The balance of six lakhs is required for the work that is going on in Pallivasal, speeded up due to the quick delivery of cement and other materials.

A sum of Rs. 160 is required for the appointment of an additional clerk in the Trivandrum Electric Supply Office to look after the consumers' section. The Government have approved the appointment of one clerk for every 500 consumers. Due to the scarcity of kerosene, and on account of the release of a large amount of wiring materials, the work in Trivandrum has considerably increased and an additional clerk is required in connection with the work in the consumer's section.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma: May I know whether experts will be brought down from outside for the investigation of the scheme?

Mr. P Joseph John: The investigation is being carried out with the staff of the P. W. D.

The question that a sum of Rs. 20,00,160 be granted under Demand II—Electricity and Telephone was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND III—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—Rs. 1,47,000.

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkitakrishnan: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 1,47,000 under Demand III—Public Works Department including Water Works and Drainage.

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[Dewan Bahadur L. Venkitakrishnan.]

Item No. 1 viz., Rs. 1,27,000 is required for a godown to store foodgrains at Quilon and item No. 2 viz. Rs. 20,000 is required for the maintenance of Trivandrum Drainage.

The godown in Quilon is nearing completion. The necessity for this godown arose soon after the budget was passed on account of the extra foodgrains that we received and also on account of some of the temporary godowns having collapsed. It was therefore necessary to build permanent godowns the estimated cost of which was Rs. 1,52,000, and for emergent purposes a sum of Rs. 25,000 was taken out of the reserve left with the Chief Engineer and used on the work. The balance of Rs. 1,27,000 is be incurred and the present grant is for this amount.

The Trivandrum Drainage was in progress at the beginning of the year and it was not anticipated that a large portion would be actually brought into use. But owing to the speeding up of the work, it has been possible to bring some of it into use and thereby one of the sub-divisions attached to the scheme for the construction of the work was abolished. But the Sub-Division Officer was re-engaged on maintenance work and the maintenance staff which was engaged to run two pumping stations, look after the disposal of the Drainage and keep things in order, cost Rs. 20,000 and I am asking that this Rs. 20,000 be sanctioned.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma: In supporting this demand I wish to bring to the notice of the House one point under the second part of the demand. The first part of the demand may be allowed, it being a very urgent need. The second part of the demand does not justify the grant at the present stage because this amount could have been included in the budget. This is for the maintenance of the Drainage Department.

President: It was pointed out that it could not be anticipated at that time because we did not then anticipate that the Drainage scheme would come into operation on a large scale. It is only after that that the need was felt.

The question that the Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,47,000 under Demand III—Public Works Department, including Water Works and Drainage—was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND V—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT, ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE AND LOCAL FUND AUDIT DEPARTMENT—Rs. 1,000.

Mr. S. Ramaswami Aiyar: I move for the grant of Rs. 1,000 under Demand V—General Administration, Financial Secretariat, Accountant-General's Office and Local Fund Audit

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